

## M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, ELECTS SIX NEW BISHOPS

### General Conference Overrules Veto of College of Bishops.

(Associated Press.)  
Atlanta, Ga., May 15.—The election of Dr. F. N. Parker, of Emory university, as bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, as the result of the third ballot cast late yesterday, was announced at the opening of today's session of the general conference. Two of the general conference.

Dr. H. M. Dubose, of Nashville, and Dr. W. N. Ainsworth, of Savannah, Ga., were elected bishops on the fourth ballot, completing the six additional members of the college of bishops to be elected at this conference.

On the third ballot Dr. Parker received 173 votes; Rev. James Cannon, Jr., Virginia, received 148, and the Rev. H. M. Dubose, Nashville, 135. Dr. Parker is professor in the theological department of Emory university. He is a son of the late Bishop Linus Parker. He was born in New Orleans in 1867, and is a member of the Louisiana conference.

A spirited report was submitted today from the committee on missions, which answers the criticisms in the Episcopal address directed against the board of missions.

The address of the bishop called attention to the fact that only the general conference could determine the number and boundaries of annual conferences, and declared the board of missions was guilty of illegal and unconstitutional action in attempting to do so.

In its report the committee stated that after careful consideration there was no record of the fact that the board of missions had, at any time, undertaken to determine any boundary lines of any conference in Mexico or elsewhere, but in every one of the meetings when the question was raised the board has crossed upon its minutes the statement that it had no authority to act.

The report expressed regret that the address of the bishops criticizes the board of missions, charging it with "illegal and unconstitutional action," especially in view of the fact that the bishops themselves form so large a part of the board, both in number and influence; for when they censure the board, they censure themselves.

The statement is made that if the college of bishops has the authority which bishops are members, then the authority of a part of a board is superior to the authority of the whole board.

## BISHOP W. F. M'MURRY



Secretary of Board of Church  
Extension, Raised to the  
Rank of Episcopacy.

The election of three new bishops and the overruling by a overwhelming vote of the veto of the college of bishops on the granting of laity rights to women and a plan to substitute the words "Christ's Holy church" for the words "Holy Catholic church" in the apostles' creed, were the salient features of Tuesday's session of the Methodist general conference, in session in Atlanta.

The announcement that balloting for bishops would begin yesterday afternoon brought a large crowd of visitors to the conference floor, and the deepest interest was manifested in the proceeding.

The counting of the first ballot showed the election of Dr. John Moore, of Nashville, secretary of the home missions of the general mission board, and Dr. W. F. M'Murphy, of Louisville, for twelve years secretary of the board of church extension. The voting on the second ballot began immediately, resulting in the election of Dr. U. V. W. Darlington, of Barboursville, W. Va. A third ballot was taken at once, but adjournment was taken until 9 o'clock Wednesday morning without announcement of the result.

The first ballot showed those voted for as follows:  
Dr. John M. Moore, Nashville, Tenn., 183; Dr. W. F. M'Murphy, Louisville, Ky., 167, three more than necessary

for election; Dr. U. V. W. Darlington, Barboursville, W. Va., 133; Dr. James Cannon, Blackston, Va., 117; Dr. F. N. Parker, Emory university, 106; Dr. H. N. Dubose, Nashville, Tenn., 97; Dr. W. N. Ainsworth, Savannah, Ga., 96; Dr. James E. Dickey, Atlanta, 89; Dr. F. M. Thomas, Louisville, Ky., 84; Dr. George R. Stuart, Birmingham, Ala., 76; Dr. H. M. Dubose, Dallas, Tex., 75; Dr. E. B. Chappell, Nashville, Tenn., 71; Dr. S. R. Hay, Dallas, Tex., 70; Dr. T. N. Ivey, Nashville, Tenn., 30; Dr. N. L. Linebaugh, Vinita, Okla., 30.

About seventy-five other candidates received less than thirty votes on this first ballot in addition to the names given.

The vote on the second ballot was as follows: Dr. U. V. W. Darlington, 183; Dr. F. N. Parker, Emory university, 130, registering a gain of 24 votes over the first ballot, although before the second ballot was taken he requested that his name be withdrawn; Dr. James Cannon, Jr., 129; Dr. H. N. Dubose, 117; Dr. W. N. Ainsworth, 108; Dr. F. M. Thomas, 88; Dr. James E. Dickey, 80; Dr. George R. Stuart, 75; Dr. H. M. Dubose, 74; Dr. S. R. Hay, 66; Dr. E. B. Chappell, 56.

The veto of the granting of laity rights was overridden by a vote of 265 to 57, and the veto of the change in the creed was overridden by a vote of 260 to 45.

The veto of the college of bishops made it necessary for the general conference, by a two-thirds vote, to confirm its action of Monday in passing the two measures, thus putting the questions before the annual conferences for confirmation by three-fourths vote. Without the two-thirds vote of the general conference, both measures would have been lost.

Thus the questions will go to the annual conferences and be voted back to the general conference four years hence, postponing the effectiveness of the measure for at least that length of time.

### Veto Was Bombshell.

Announcement of the veto struck the general conference like a bombshell. Bishop Collins Denny announced it, and stated the reason why the college of bishops had seen fit to disapprove the action of the general conference, which had been taken Monday.

He contended that granting of laity rights to women was a matter of such grave importance that the bishops should go to the annual conferences for their approval or disapproval.

Instead of trying to exercise a right of veto, he said, the bishops were merely performing what they felt to be a duty by asking that such important constitutional questions be submitted to the annual conferences. The bishops desired, he said, to protect the rights of annual conferences to pass on constitutional matters.

He contended that a change in the apostles' creed by the general conference, without a referendum to the annual conference, would establish an extremely dangerous precedent. It would amount, he asserted, for the bishops to vesting in the general conference the authority to write the creed of the Methodist church, changing it to suit every passing whim, striking out any fundamental tenet of Methodist faith and substituting new tenets without regard to the wishes of the great rank and file of the membership.

The vote was then taken on the motion to override the veto of laity rights, which carried, 265 to 57, and immediately thereafter the motion to override the veto of the change in creed was carried, 260 to 45.

### New Bishops.

Two of the new bishops elected, Drs. John M. Moore and W. F. M'Murphy, are well known in Chattanooga. The latter preached at the Highland Park M. E. church, south, a few Sundays ago. Dr. M'Murphy has been secretary of the board of church extension for twelve years, and he has built up this work in a wonderful degree. He is not only a man of splendid business ability, but a preacher of force and power.

Dr. John M. Moore, the Tennesseean elected to the bishopric, is a man of splendid parts. He has done excellent work in the home mission field, and his election to this high office is a recognition by his church of his splendid service.

Dr. Darlington, while not known locally, has for years been a conspicuous figure in the church and a leader of much ability. He is now a presiding elder in the West Virginia conference, of which he has been a member for many years.

Drs. Moore and M'Murphy received flattering votes for the office of bishop at the Asheville (N. C.) and Oklahoma City conferences, and their election will not come as a surprise to the church generally.

The committee on episcopacy recommended the election of six new bishops and the retirement of three bishops—Hoss, Morrison and Waterhouse.

## WHITFIELD ENTERS RED CROSS DRIVE

Mrs. C. T. Fuller, of Atlanta, Will Be at Dalton Friday to Begin Preliminary Work.

(Special to The News.)  
Dalton, Ga., May 15.—Whitfield has been called on for \$3,000 in the approaching drive for the Red Cross war fund, and the amount will be given. W. C. McGhee is chairman of the war fund committee here, and the county is well organized for the coming campaign.

As a preliminary to the work, Mrs. C. T. Fuller, of Atlanta, Red Cross field secretary for Georgia, will be here Friday, and will address a large crowd at the First Methodist church, Monday afternoon. Dr. Armstrong will be here to talk to a crowd at the Crescent theater, his talk to be illustrated with motion pictures of scenes in Canada and France.

## CLOSING EXERCISES OF DALTON HIGH SCHOOL

(Special to The News.)  
Dalton, Ga., May 15.—Twenty-nine fourteen girls and fifteen boys make up the graduating class of the Dalton High school this year, the class being the largest ever graduated from that institution. Dr. W. N. Ainsworth, pastor of Wesley M. E. church, of Savannah, will make the address to the class at the graduating exercises next Tuesday evening.

Sunday morning the commencement sermon will be preached by Dr. Frank K. Sims at the First Baptist church, and class day exercises will be held Monday afternoon at the city park.

## JAMES GORDON BENNETT TO BE BURIED IN PARIS

(Associated Press.)  
Paris, May 15.—The body of James Gordon Bennett, proprietor of the New York Herald, who died at Beaulieu yesterday, will be brought to Paris early next week, in accordance with Mr. Bennett's desire, often expressed, that Paris be his last resting place. Mr. Bennett's legal representative in Paris is informed that it is not expected the will will be made public until after the funeral services.

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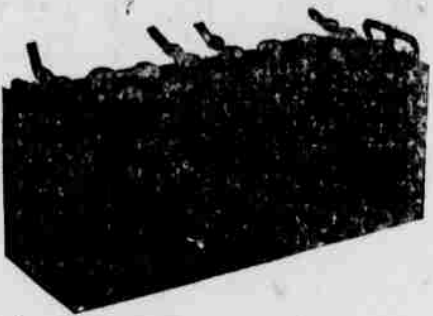
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